Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* What is the international situation ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* You can ask the Hon'ble Member Mr. Mathai.

275. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state whether there is an idea to shift the Comptroller's Office from Trichur to Ernakulam ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* The Honourable Member's attention is drawn to the answer to question No. 274.

PORTION OF KARITHALA VILLAGE ADDED TO THE ERNAKULAM MUNICIPALITY— AMENITIES TO THE PEOPLE OF THE LOCALITY

276. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when was that portion of Karithala which lies east of Ernakulam South Railway Station added to the Municipality ;

(*b*) how many houses are there in that stretch of land ;

(*c*) what all municipal amenities have they been provided for ;

(*d*) are they given lights ; have they scavenging service and have they other sanitary services ;

(*e*) is not that stretch of land bounded on all sides by water ;

(*f*) what provision has been made for their communication with the other parts of the town ;

(*g*) has not the one connection they had with the town been removed by the interception of the Station, etc. ;

(*h*) have there been cases of crossing the line by the people and consequent criminal charges ;

(*i*) are the houses in that area taxed as the other houses of the town ;

(*j*) what is the percentage of property-tax ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) In 1115.

(*b*) 102.

(*c*) An unmetalled road has been opened by Government from the Trippunittura road up to the centre of the inhabitable area.

(*d*) The Council has sanctioned kerosene oil lights to be put on the road.

(*e*) No; on one side it is connected to the Trippunittura road.

(*f*) Vide answer to sub-division (*c*).

(*g*) Yes; but in its place another has been provided.

(*h*) Yes.

(*i*) 30 out of the 102 houses are assessed.

(*j*) 11½ per cent of the annual value of lands and buildings.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Have the lights been put up ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There are more lights than before.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Scavenging service ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There is scavenging service arranged in the houses of all those who have registered for the same. Others have not applied.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* You have been collecting scavenging fee, and where is the necessity for an application ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That seems to be the practice.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* There is no such rule.

MATTANCHERI FORESHORE IMPROVEMENT

277. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to inform—

(*a*) details of the scheme they had designed to improve the Mattancheri Foreshore ;

(*b*) the cost of acquiring the area that they intended to acquire in the scheme ;

(*c*) the cost of acquiring the area with the buildings thereon now standing between the Women and Children Hospital on the south, the backwaters on the east, the Mattancheri Bazaar Road on the West and the British Harbour Workshop on the north ;

(*d*) will Government be pleased to state the present cost of building materials and the cost of the same in the month of December 1940 ;

(*e*) will Government be pleased to state the present annual rental value of the buildings and premises standing on the area specified in question (*c*) above, as per the last assessment made by the Municipal Council of Mattancheri ?

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